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SUBJ: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA

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1. AGREE WITH SUGGESTION THAT WE CONSULT WITH TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT HERE PRIOR TO PARIS MEETING. A JOINT APPROACH WITH THE FRENCH, WHO STILL HAVE PERSONNEL IN KEY POSITIONS IN THE TOGOLESE MILITARY, WILL TEND TO LIMIT DIRECT US CONTACT WITH THE GOT REGARDING THE SHABA OPERATION. THE ONLY OTHER CONCERNED EUROPEAN POWER RESIDENT HERE IS THE FRG. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO CONSULTATIONS HERE WOULD BE FIRST TO COORDINATE WITH THE GOF AND POSSIBLE THE FRG AS WELL, THEN TO APPROACH THE GOT SEPARATELY AND COMPARE NOTES AFTERWARDS.

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2. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE TO INFORM, AT LEAST INFORMALLY, THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT OF THE PARIS MEETING BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER IT TAKES PLACE. TO DO OTHERWISE MIGHT INPLY TO THE TOGOLESE THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING THEM INTO OUR CONFIDENCE AND ARE ACTING IN A MANIPULATIVE MANNER.

3. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT SEPARATE MEETING OF CONFERNEE
AFRICAN COUNTRIES MIGHT BE SUPERFLUOUS FROM TECHNICAL
POINT OF VIEW, WE WISH TO REEMPHASIZE THAT IT WOULD HELP
TO GIVE THE SHABA OPERATION A MORE AFRICAN CHARACTER.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN A POSSIBLE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE SHABA PROBLEM.
THIS COULD BE HELPFUL FOR CONSULTATIONS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONSULTATIONS INSTRUCTIONS
WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT TOGOLESE CAN COLLECT THEIR THOUGHTS.
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